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For: INDIRECT FIRE DEVICE FOR FIXING FASTENERS IN A SUBSTRATE MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: